

Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims replaces all prior versions and listings of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

1. (Currently amended) A method of treating a subject having a condition, comprising:
  - contacting an area of the subject having the condition with a nanocrystalline material that comprises:
    - a metal selected from the group consisting of silver, ~~gold~~, platinum and palladium; and
    - an element selected from the group consisting of oxygen, nitrogen, carbon, boron, sulfur, a halogen, phosphorus, silicon, hydrogen and combinations thereof,
  - wherein the nanocrystalline material contains at least about one atomic percent of the element, and the condition is inflammatory bowel disease.
- 2-42. (Cancelled).
43. (Previously presented) The method of claim 1, wherein the metal comprises silver.
44. (New) The method of claim 1, wherein the nanocrystalline material is in a suppository.
45. (New) The method of claim 1, wherein the nanocrystalline material is in an enema.
46. (New) The method of claim 1, wherein the nanocrystalline material is a tablet.

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47. (New) The method of claim 1, wherein the nanocrystalline material is a solution.